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1. DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES POSTS REPORTING ON URANIUM EXPLORATION IN THAILAND AND U.S. COMPANY INVOLVEMENT. THE WORLD URANIUM RESOURCE BASE IS AN INTENSELY DEBATED SUBJECT WHICH SERVES AS A PRINCIPAL ELEMENT IN THE FORMULATION OF NATIONAL NUCLEAR PROGRAM STRATEGIES. THE U.S. BELIEVES THERE IS SUFFICIENT NATURAL URANIUM AVAILABLE IN THE WORLD AT CURRENT PRICES TO ALLOW TIME FOR A CAREFUL EXAMINATION OF REACTOR STRATEGIES AND THE SELECTION OF THE MOST PROLIFERATION RESISTANT TECHNOLOGIES BEFORE MOVING BEYOND THE CURRENT GENERATION OF REACTOR. DEPARTMENT IS THEREFORE INTERESTED IN CONTINUED REPORTING ON THE
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PROGRESS OF URANIUM EXPLORATION IN THAILAND.

2. POST IS ENCOURAGED TO OFFER NORMAL COMMERCIAL COUNCIL AND SERVICES AS APPROPRIATE FOR U.S. MINING INTERESTS. WE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN GENERAL TYPE AND LEVEL OF ACTIVITY IN URANIUM RESOURCE DEFINITION AND WILL FORMULATE MORE SPECIFIC INQUIRIES AS SITUATION DEVELOPS.

3. FYI THAILAND IS EXPECTED TO HAVE RESERVES IN THE
RANGE OF 10-50,000 TONS U308 WITH PARTICULAR FOCUS IN
KHARAT BASIN AND PHU WIENG DISTRICT. VANCE

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